

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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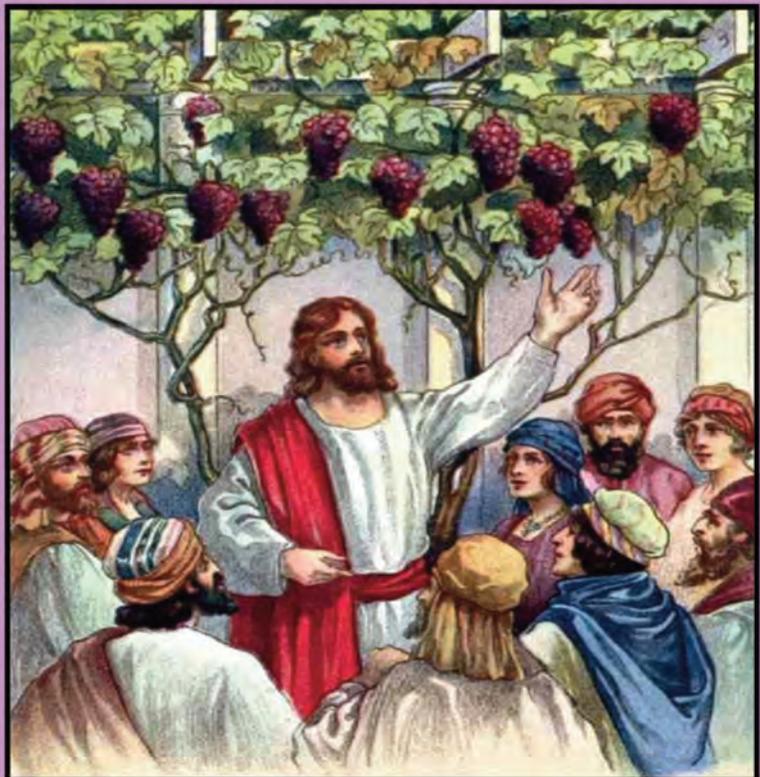
*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, May 2, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

Remain in me, as I remain in you.”



May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of
the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a
year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate
time to participate in preparation programs for the
Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm
in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in
Our Lady's Chapel.

Music Ministries

Children's Choir: Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd
Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on
Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium.

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays
from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at
7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from
September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in
the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic
seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and
ask for Deacon Rich LaRossa.



**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION
WILL BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



**CATHOLIC FAITH
NETWORK**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



***Always keep our
Service Men & Women
in your prayers ...***

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
SPC Giuseppina (Josie) Coppola US ARMY
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY
Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours! The theme this weekend focuses on how in faith we live with the tensions caused by what we believe. Faith is not a quick fix but being faithful to these tensions makes us believers. In the first reading from Acts, Luke shows how God's plan of salvation is always going beyond the limitations our worldly views would impose. At first, Paul was looked upon fearfully by the apostles because of his former reputation. However, in time and through the intervention of Barnabas, they came to accept Paul and saw his fervor in preaching the message of Jesus. **"He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord."** Then in the second reading from 1 John, the new believers are assured that God answers sincere prayers when offered in faith and love of one another. **"And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us."** And finally, John's gospel focuses on the image of the vine and branches. It symbolizes the kind of intimate relationship that Jesus desires to have between himself and those who follow him. The key is to remain in this intimate relationship with Jesus. That way the very life of Jesus will continue to flow through us. **"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you."**

When something changes, fear can overwhelm us. A new identity or new ideas that come from a new way of believing or thinking can seem very threatening. The **"Way"** we hear about in today's readings is just such a movement. The post resurrection believers held that Jesus had truly risen from the dead. Their movement was gaining momentum and new disciples everywhere. Miracles and the teachings of Jesus were growing through Jesus' followers. **And today, we are still learning what it means to embrace the resurrection of Jesus.** The actions of Paul convince the apostles how real his faith was. He became just as notorious a believer in Jesus as he was as a persecutor. With amazing success, Paul preaches the message of Jesus' resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The image of the vine and vine grower perfectly describes our relationship with God. This kind of relationship brings us a graced life that produces the fruit of God's kingdom. And just like Paul we are grafted onto Jesus at baptism. And like Paul we struggle with our earthiness and weaknesses. Many saints had to rise above past failures to become holy.

Like Paul we are still learning that God's mercy recreates us into his disciples as we are pruned and listen to the voice of the vine grower. At some point in life, we face the fact that we are not content, something is missing. All our external successes do not bring peace and happiness. We yearn for something more deeply. Being part of Jesus vine requires pruning, discernment, and courage. Only when we accept Jesus fully does a transformation begin to happen within our mind, body, and soul. Meeting Jesus enabled Paul to meet himself and see himself in truth. He blossomed because he accepted who he was and thus showed us what it takes to become and remain part of Jesus 'vine.

This weekend we celebrated two **First Holy Communion Masses**, which to me are the most important days in the life of a Catholic. These children, from this day forward are as close to Jesus as one can get in this world. From now on they can receive the spiritual strength needed to live their lives in faith, hope and love. May our children who received for the first time be filled with the love of and for Jesus all the days of their lives.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, an ad for the upcoming spring **Flower and Plant Sale** sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady on Sunday morning, May 16th, an ad for the **"Go for the Green 50/50"** tickets which will be held on Sunday, May 30th, information about the envelopes for the upcoming **Mother's Day Novena of Masses** that starts on Sunday, May 9th, the **Litany of St. Joseph** and other prayers, an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Fifth Week of Easter. Smile, share, stay connected to Jesus and remember: **The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

The Our Father

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day
our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

ALLELUIA

Jn 15:4a, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



SPRING FLOWER PLANT SALE

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

7:30 AM TO 1:00 PM



AFTER ALL THE MASSES
AT THE FRONT LAWN OF
ST. RAYMOND'S CHURCH

ATLANTIC AVE., EAST ROCKAWAY

SPONSORED BY THE SODALITY

OF OUR LADY



STOP BY AND ENJOY A COFFEE AND
A BAGEL, WHILE YOU SHOP.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

WE WILL HAVE GLOVES

AND HAND SANITIZER IF NEEDED

CASH OR CHECK ACCEPTED

CYO *Spotlight*

Basketball is Back!!!



St Raymond CYO basketball
registration will be open
June 1st -July 31st
We do not accept late
registrations-no exceptions
Grades 3-12 &
Clinic kindergarten-2nd

A Prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,
As I prepare to go into the world,
Help me to see the sacrament
In the wearing of this cloth-
Let it be "an outward sign
Of an inward grace"-
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors,
Christ,
Since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart,
That people would see my smile
In the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words,
But with my actions.
Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
Remind me to listen carefully-
And full of care-
To all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
Shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and in
The name of love
I pray.
May it be so, May it be so.

GO FOR THE GREEN !

50/50



The Golf Outing may be
cancelled **BUT** you still
have a shot to win!!

**Tickets are \$10
each and 3 for \$25.**

Two strips have been mailed
to all regular envelope users
and they can also be purchased
at the rectory during office
hours. The drawing will be
held on **Sunday, May 30,
2021** at 2pm in the rectory.
Don't miss out on a chance to
win some big money.



**Remember...
Only \$10 each and
3 for \$25!
You've got to be in
it to win it!**

Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. By the Lord this has been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

- Psalms 22-23

Pantry needs for this week: Chickpeas, Pinto beans, Kidney beans, White beans, Black beans, Mixed vegetables, Beets, Canned fruit, Broth, Juices, Jello, Deodorant, Syrup, Pancake mix, Coffee, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Sugar, Laundry detergent, Dish detergent

Thank you for all that you do!



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

ENTERING CANAAN

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021
(please register by May 10th)

For more information or to register visit:

www.drvcLife.org/projectrachel

All information will remain confidential -
COVID 19 Protocols will be observed

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel retreats offer an opportunity to experience the loving of God in a safe, sacred place. The retreats are directed by specifically trained, compassionate caregivers including counselors and clergy who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who are suffering.

#516-766-2538 or #888-456-4673

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Our NYS lawmakers in Albany are finalizing the next State Budget and considering many items to be brought forward in the legislature. It is important that our voices be heard. Some of the issues being considered are: Doctor Assisted Suicide (which Gov. Cuomo is urging for passage) Bill targeting pro-life centers Denial of financial support for Catholic and private schools In order to keep informed and to take action, please log on to The NYS Catholic Conference (nyscatholic.org)

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

In the Second Reading, John reminds us that we are to love others as Jesus commanded us. Whenever you make a sacrifice for others, be it from your time or money, you are not only practicing the stewardship pillar of service, but also loving others as Jesus commanded.



Diocese of Rockville Centre
Healing after Abortion



project rachel
Peace starts here

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**“Entering Canaan”
Day of Prayer and Healing for Women-
Saturday, May 15, 2021
Please register by May 10th**

For more information and to register please visit
www.drvc.org/projectrachel
or contact Project Rachel at
1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or
projectrachel@drvc.org.

All information will remain confidential.





The Year of St. Joseph

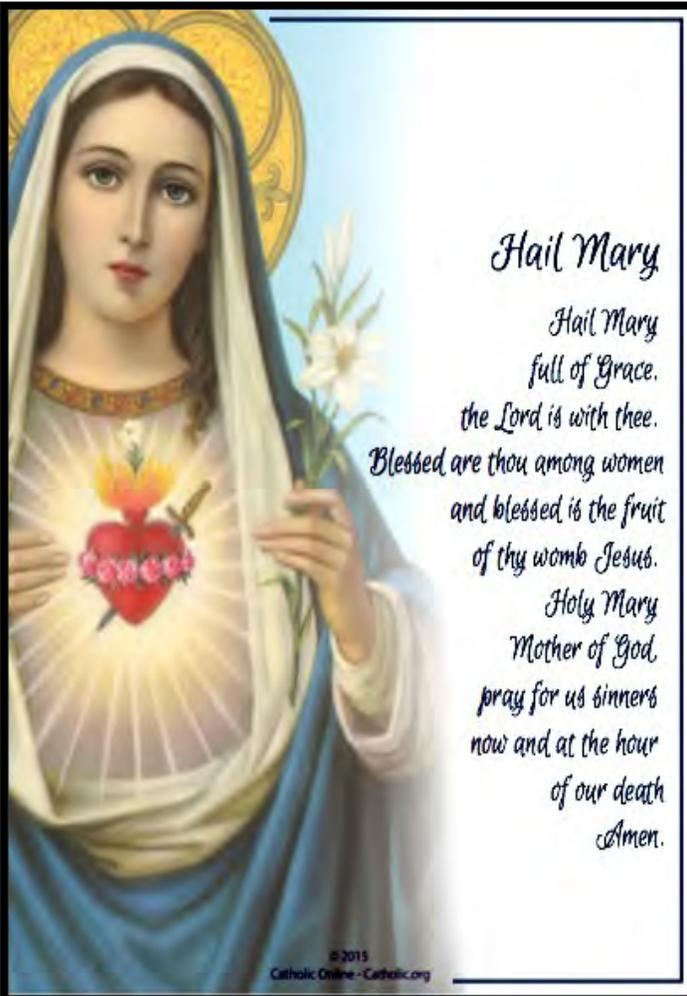
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son; in you
Mary placed her trust; with you Christ
became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show
yourself a father and guide us in the
path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and
courage, and defend us from
every evil. Amen.*

-Pope Francis



Hail Mary

*Hail Mary
full of Grace,
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed are thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb Jesus.*

*Holy Mary
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death
Amen.*

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Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*
St. Joseph, *pray for us.*
Renowned offspring of David, *pray for us.*
Light of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*
Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*
Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*
Diligent protector of Christ, *pray for us.*
Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*
Joseph most just, *pray for us.*
Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.*
Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.*
Joseph most strong, *pray for us.*
Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.*
Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*
Mirror of patience, *pray for us.*
Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*
Model of artisans, *pray for us.*
Glory of home life, *pray for us.*
Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*
Pillar of families, *pray for us.*
Solace of the wretched, *pray for us.*
Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*
Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*
Terror of demons, *pray for us.*
Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*



Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world. *And prince over all his possessions.*
He made him the lord of his household.

Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Merciful God

**Bless us with Your healing
grace.**

Heal those who are sick

**Bring courage to those who
are afraid,**

**Comfort to those who are
mourning,**

**Strength to those caring for
others,**

**Wisdom for those making
decisions,**

**Insight for those looking for
a cure.**

Let us emerge from this trial

**Secure in our hope and
faith.**

Amen.

Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne

Today the first line of the second reading from the letter of St. John speaks volumes to us: "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." How much we can learn from this simple statement. It is so easy for us to say that we love one another but showing that through action is a totally different thing. We are always teaching the children to be kind to one another, to include everyone in play, to pray for those who are sick or lonely, to act like Jesus did. So, do we do it as well? Do we reach out to those in need, those who are hurting (physically, emotionally, spiritually), those who are alone and afraid? That is exactly what the reading is telling us to do - to love in deed and truth.

Congratulations to our second-grade class on receiving their FIRST COMMUNION on Saturday. We are delighted that you are now able to fully participate in Mass. May you always remember that special day which is so important in the life of a Catholic. God bless you all.

Already we are in the month of May with many things to do. This is another week of testing (though actually it is only one day) for our fourth and sixth graders. This time it is the New York State Math Test - and once again it is computer based. Our young people did fine with the ELA and I am sure that they will do the same with the math.

We have three things to remember this week:

- Tuesday is an early dismissal (11:30 AM) for our monthly faculty meeting.
- Wednesday is the annual SCHOOL NURSE'S DAY.
- Thursday is our Scholastic Book Fair (during the school day.). Remember it is BOGO, so you can stock up on books for the summer.

Have a beautiful week. Remember that May is Mary's month, so pray to Our Lady for all of us. AND, reach out to help your neighbor and show that love!



Religious Education- Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director



Information regarding the 2021/2022 Religious Education school year will be forwarded to parents after the details have been confirmed.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education program is in need of Catechists. Please consider joining this important ministry of educating our young people in our faith. For parents who decide to teach for us and have children in the program, there is no Registration fee. Please do not be apprehensive if you think you are not able to teach a Religion class. The teacher manuals are user friendly and there will be a new teacher workshop held at the beginning of the year. There is full-time support throughout the year from the Religious Education staff. Another consideration is to team teach a class, meaning that there are two teachers sharing the responsibility of teaching a class. Here is where we need teachers:

2 nd grade	Tuesdays	3:30pm-4:30pm	3 teachers needed
3 rd grade	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday	3:30pm-4:30pm	1 teacher needed
5 th grade	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday	3:30pm-4:30pm	2 teachers needed
6 th grade	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday	3:30pm-4:30pm	1 teacher needed

If you are able to join our ministry, please call the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075 – our office hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-4:30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Group 2	St. Raymond School students & Mrs. Ohlsen's class	Saturday, May 1 st , 2021 11am
Group 3	Mrs. Hollenstein & Mrs. Casucci's classes	Saturday, May 1 st , 2021 1pm
Group 4	Mrs. Agnello & Mrs. Breuer's classes	Saturday, May 8 th , 2021 11am
Group 5	Mrs. Hannon & Mrs. Kelhetter's classes	Saturday, May 8 th , 2021 1pm

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Dates for 2021 Confirmation are not yet determined due to the pandemic. Parents will be advised as soon as a plan is put into place.

HOME TEACHING

For parents who have opted to teach Religion to their children at home, the student's completed workbooks were due to the Religious Education office the week of 4/19/2021.

1ST GRADE PARENTS

First grade parents have been teaching their children at home. The completed student workbooks were due to the Religious Education office the week of 4/26/2021. Last week we asked the first grade parents for their comments regarding this pilot year of teaching their child at home. Here is one of the responses we received:

*"It became our special time together. We looked at pictures of his Baptism and his cousins First Holy Communion and talked about what a special time it was for the whole family. We talked about going to church. We went to mass together and I was able to explain to him as the priest said the mass how it related to what we talked about and learned in his work book. I also think he was more attentive to our class time when reading his work book. When I taught religion years ago you were not able to give each child the necessary class time since we only have an hour with them. By the time the children settled in there was very little time to read and work in the work book and then the class was over. I always felt that we rushed through it. I don't know how the other families feel but for us it was great.
I would love to see program continue if possible."*

THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

**St. Raymond's Parish
Invites you to our
May Crowning & Induction
Of New Member Ceremony and Mass
Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00pm**

The ceremony begins at 7:00pm with a procession of the Past Prefects in honor and veneration of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** as the mother of **Jesus**, and our protecting and guiding Spiritual Mother.

The honor of crowning the statue of Our Lady with a floral wreath is given to the most recent Past Prefect **Margaret McAuley**. The wreath symbolizes the singular dignity of the Blessed Virgin, the "Crown of Glory that is promised to those who follow Christ." Mass will follow with the induction of our **new** members.



Mother's Day Novena

As we celebrate *Mother's Day* this **Sunday, May 9th**, there will once again be the parish's Novena of Masses prayed for nine consecutive days starting on May 9th. It is very fitting to remember our Mothers in prayer during this novena. Envelopes for this novena were mailed to those who receive the weekly envelope mailing. They are also available near the doors of the church. If you wish to participate in this novena simply fill out one of these envelopes, include your donation and place it in one of the boxes marked "**Mother's Day**" which are located on the pew shelves by the doors of the church. Or you can return it by mail or just drop it off in the rectory mail slot.
Please do so by Sunday, May 9th.

Public Rosary: Our Lady of Fatima

We are praying for our Church, peace in our nation, and the end of the Covid-19 virus, and all those who have suffered from this virus.



**Saturday, May 8th
at 12:00 Noon
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Rectory By the Holy
Family Statue**

PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 23rd any of the Novenas to the Holy Spirit are prayed from Friday, May 14th to Saturday, May 22nd. (The day after the Ascension Thursday to the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday.) The tradition goes back to the time when the Apostles, the Blessed Mother, and the early Christian Church prayed before Pentecost Sunday. Some Novenas to the Holy Spirit include: The Coming of the Holy Spirit, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical on the Holy Spirit to have Novena throughout the Church in preparation for Pentecost.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Inspiration

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.
Amen.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Members of the Charismatic Prayer Group will be receiving corporate Communion on June 9th, Pentecost Sunday, at the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome to come worship with us!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth!

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May 25 Liturgy and Personal Growth

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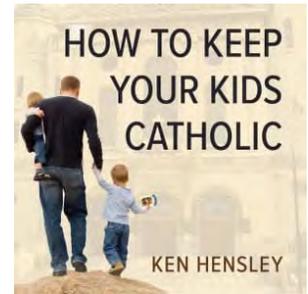
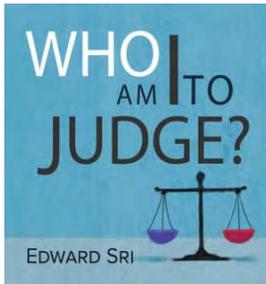
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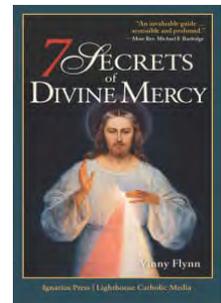
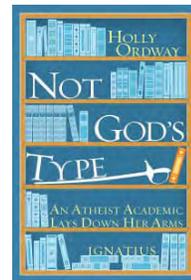
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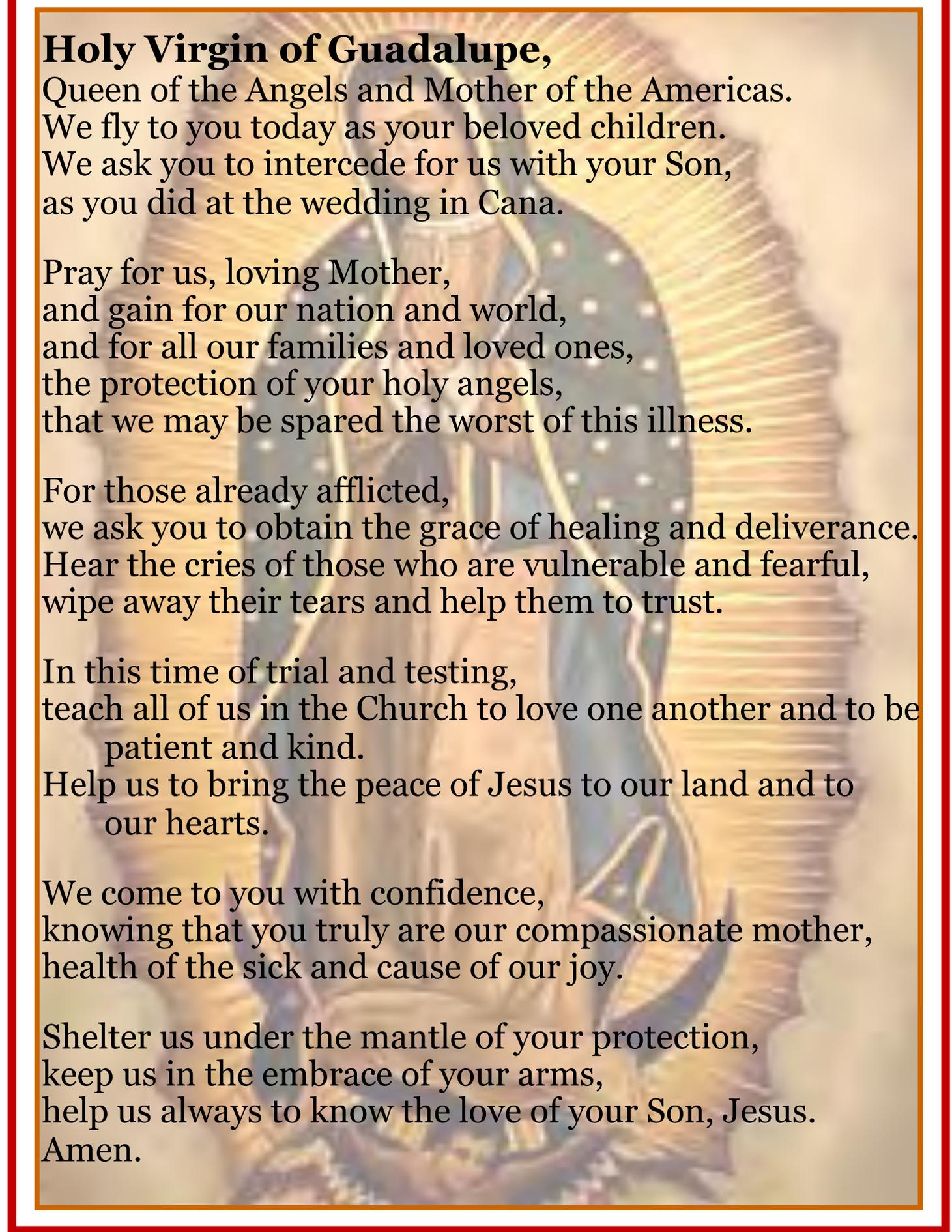


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Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



Masses for this Week

Monday, May 3rd *St. Philip & James*

7:15am Steve Fazio
8:45am Ralph Marino

Tuesday, May 4th

7:15am Faculty & Families of St. Raymond School
8:45am Peter Broughal

Wednesday, May 5th

7:15am Charles Hess
8:45am Dominick Consolazio

Thursday, May 6th

7:15am Joseph Pravato
8:45am Susan Kellaher

Friday, May 7th

7:15am Terrance O'Flanagan
8:45am George F. Carney

Saturday, May 8th

8:45am Denise Gallagher Baum
Michael O'Shea, Sarah Elizabeth Murray
5:00pm Dominick Consolazio

Sunday, May 9th

7:30am
9:00am Happy
10:30am Mother's
12:00pm Day
4:30pm

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Cor 15:1-8 /Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28 /Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6 /Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21 /Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31 /Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10 /Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10 /Jn 15:9-17

Please Pray for Our Sick

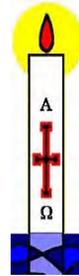
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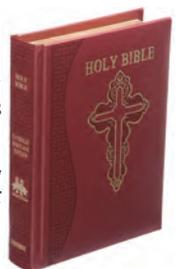
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